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"The tendency in many parts of the world to stigmatize and incarcerate drug users has prevented many from seeking medical treatment. In what other areas of public health do we criminalize patients in need of help?" Kofi Annan, Kofi Annan Foundation, Global Commission on Drug Policy

"Globally, there was no decline in new HIV infections among people who inject drugs between 2010 and 2014. This goes against the global trend of declining new HIV infections" Michel Sidibé, UNAIDS

"To fast-track the AIDS response, it requires promoting the rights of people who use drugs to access high quality, evidence-based HIV harm reduction services, and removing barriers to accessing these services" Aldo Lale-Demoz, UNODC

ON THE FAST-TRACK FOR THE HIV RESPONSE AMONG PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS: LEADERSHIP TO END AIDS

The 2011 political declaration on HIV/AIDS had as target to halve the transmission among people who inject drugs (PWID) by 2015. This target has been missed with a reduction of HIV transmission of 10% in 2013. Currently, the UN strategy to end the AIDS epidemic has an objective of 90% of PWID accessing HIV combination prevention services by 2020. PWID represent one of the key populations most at risk of HIV and hepatitis infection. Among the 12.51 million (range: 8.84 – 21.27 million) PWID globally, about 1.67 million (range: 0.94 – 4.40 million) PWID are estimated to be living with HIV worldwide. The HIV prevalence is 28 times higher among PWID than the general population, and 86% that are living with HIV were not on antiretroviral therapy in 2014.

As a new political declaration on HIV/AIDS is adopted at the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting (HIV HLM), and few weeks after the UNGASS 2016 on the world drug problem, the governments of Switzerland, Colombia, UNAIDS, UNODC and the Global Commission on Drug Policy organize a side-event to address the challenges and opportunities in fast-tracking the response among people who use drugs.

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